



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
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July 12, 2017 (via eMail)

Ms. Leslie Savage
Planner, Advisor, Coordinator
Oil and Gas Division
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, TX 78711-2967

Dear Ms. Savage:

Region 6 is proposing to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. GMG290000 for Oil and Gas Extraction to the Gulf of Mexico. The permit will authorize discharges from existing source and New Source facilities in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category which are located off Texas and Louisiana.

The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) and its implementing regulations (15 CFR 930) require that any Federally licensed or permitted activity affecting the coastal zone of a state with an approved Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) be consistent with the CZMP (Section 307(c)(3)(A) subpart D). EPA will conduct the proposed activity in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Texas Coastal Zone Management Program. EPA has concluded that the discharges associated with this proposed permit activity are consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Plan. The proposed permit and a summary of changes are sent with this request to you via an email for your review. Please notify us within 30 days whether or not you concur with our conclusions.

Thank you for the assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you should have any questions concerning this proposed permitting action, please contact me at (214) 665-7364.

Sincerely,

Isaac Chen
Permitting Section
NPDES Permits & TMDLs Branch